

Regional Governors Winter 2019

Region 1 (Chuck Grabosky)

Forwarded correspondence regarding new web site to Region 1 members.

Other than correspondence with Region 1 members regarding the above, I have not received any other communications from Region 1 members for the good or bad, etc....

Region 2 (Betsy Tolley)

Final 2018 report: Katie Averill

Since my last report as Regional Governor, I have sent out the following reports to Region 2 members:

* Sent out contact information about the 2019 National Specialty headquarters, and I soothed some big complaints about the 2 dog limit.

*Sent out information that Betsy Tolley was their new Governor and that they should give her all the support that they gave me. I included her email address.

*Sent out Ron's message to the members,

*Sent out the information about the Brandtmans' total loss of their home as a result of the wildfire and how to contribute to them.

*Sent that information to the Board and asked the other Regional Governors to send the news to their members.

*Replied to Bonnie Dalzell as to how she could spread the news.

*Sent out the new rules AKC set allowing the BOW a point if there was only one dog and one bitch entered at a show.

*Sent out a Happy Holidays to all and reminded them to pay their dues. Several people asked for the correct address to send them to, and I provided it.

I also told Betsy that I would help her in any way that she needed and provided her with several concerns that her members would like her to work on. If I can help the Board in any way in the future, I will be glad to. Have a great 2019 everyone. Katie

Region 3 (Shirley McFadden)

During the past quarter, BCOA Region 3 Members were provided current information/links/deadlines for:

- Dues
- Health research survey
- Member outreach
- Aristocrat advertising
- National microchip clinic
- National specialty information
- Upcoming regional events
- Need for BCOA legislative liaison
- Pam Buffington reported that she is working on possible 2022 National locations in Colorado.
- Kay McMillan is looking into possible locations in Topeka, Kansas.
- LSBC has a proposal from the Mesquite, Texas location and another possible Texas site may be looked at as well
- New BCOA Website
- AKC Delegate report
- TSE Forms and requirements

Items for board to consider were sent to BCOA President with request to include in the agenda.

- Versatility program and adding new point earning titles/achievements
- Member offer to sponsor/underwrite educational or health-related events/seminars at the national.

Region 4 (Lorrie Scott)

Region 5 (Karen Ackerman)

I have emailed my region regarding the following items. Those requiring responses were forwarded to the appropriate individuals.

President Ron Williams' email message regarding his hacked email address was posted.

Updated Puget Sound's Borzoi Club Officers and Directors information with the club, plus sent that to Joy Windle. This was done, again, for the new website data. They elected to go with their email addresses which was forwarded to Joy.

Regarding the BCOA 2019 membership dues renewal, Region 5 was notified twice in December. In addition, they were urged to nominate individuals for the 2020 National Specialty Judge and the 2020 National Specialty Sweepstakes Judge.

Wy'East Borzoi Club was emailed a BCOA pamphlet, An Introduction to Borzoi, for their Meet The Breed event at the Rose City Show in Portland. From all reports it was successful and they were able to recruit some tentative new members.

Our new Region 5 member was contacted by me via phone to welcome her to the BCOA. I extended my offer of assistance, should she have any issues or concerns.

Our President, Ron Williams' New Year's message was sent on to Region 5 along with the BCOA's gift of a new website design. I had one member contact me regarding problems she was having with the new site which I emailed to Helen Lee. Helen, then, contacted the individual.

Region 5 was notified of the new rule change in regard to the AKC conformation point acquisition for championship titles effective January 1, 2019.

Attached please find a copy of my most recent report to them.

2019 Salutations to Region 5!

I hope you have had a chance to scrutinize the new BCOA website. If not, please take time to review it. We appreciate your comments. Should there be issues, we can't correct them, unless, we are made aware of them. Please contact Helen Lee or myself.

Another exciting item from the AKC effective January 1, 2019, is a new rule. Chapter 16, Section 1 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* which states, "Championships provide the Best of Winners the opportunity of earning one championship point if the combined number of regular class dogs for both sexes is the minimum required for one point (usually two competitors total)." A big improvement!

Your Breakdown Ballot for the 2021 National Specialty Judge and Sweepstakes Judges have been mailed to all of you. Should you not have received it via the postal service, please let Joy Windle or myself know. Deadline date is February 26, 2019. Please vote and have a voice.

Again, the BCOA will offer two (2) free microchips/member-owned entered borzoi at our 2019 National Specialty. So please take advantage of this offer.

Another item in regard to the National Specialty is the Futurity Event. This year we will be celebrating thirty years of this affair. Please note, should you have puppies nominated for the futurity, puppies should be micro-chipped and registered by the breeder and the information given to the owner with the instruction to keep the breeder on as a second contact when the owner adds himself to the registration. Not to do so, is in violation of the BCOA Guidelines for Breeder, Selling and Placement incorporated in the Code of Breeder Ethics.

The 2019 National Specialty is being held in Gettysburg, PA., May 11 through May 18. The location is the Gettysburg Eisenhower Hotel Complex. The phone number is 717-334-8121. When making reservations, please identify yourself as a member of Group "Borzoi Club of America". Please go to the BCOA website for all the pertinent information regarding scheduling, judges, committees, events and applicable downloads. Trophy donations are always appreciated as are catalog ads!

Please note, should you be showing in the Dual Champion class this year, the BCOA Board approved the realignment of these classes to ages 1-4, 4-7, 7-10 and 10 plus.

To those borzoi breeders amongst us, the BCOA Board approved on a one-year trial basis a forum called "BCOA Breeder Network". Should you want more information on this, please contact Joyce Katona as she is the BCOA liaison. Her email address is jkatoadrunner.com.

The Aristocrat is a great place to advertise those spectacular wins and achievements. Although any borzoi fancier can purchase an ad, a BCOA member only pays \$35 for a whole page. For a new title holder, the fee is \$25. A wonderful opportunity available to you!

Regarding the election of officers, since the Recording Secretary did not receive any petitions, President Ron Williams directed her to cast one vote for the existing slate. Elizabeth Tolley will be our Governor for Region 2 and Prudence Hlatky will be our AKC Delegate. Welcome Ladies!! Thanks so much to Barbara O'Neill and Katie Averill for all of their dedication and service. Should you encounter these individuals, please extend a hearty thank you!!

Our next conference call will be the evening of February 4, 2019. Please contact me with any issues or concerns you may have. Pending topics will be Home Visits for Membership Applications and Borzoi health and Welfare Foundation. Sincerely, Karen Ackerman

Region 6 (Joyce Katona)

These are the issues I have communicated to my regional members.

- Dues reminder with late fee required. Reminded them they would have to re-join if they wait past March 1
- Suggested they not delay in booking their room for the National.
- Mentioned the various health clinics being offered in Gettysburg and asked for anyone willing to help with microchip placement to contact Dee Jones and gave her email address.
- Reminded them that all Futurity entries MUST be microchipped!
- Informed them that there will be a Trick Dog titling class on Thursday evening and a Scentwork demo.
- Reminded members that if the 3 regional clubs were interested in the Centennial medallions they MUST request them and list them in the premium and catalog for said shows.
- Asked again for the most recent list of regional club officers and their scheduled Specialties so that the website would be accurate and up to date.
- Told them to check out our new website if they had not already done so and indicated Helen Lee was our new webmistress. Told them of new content, user-friendly design and the history section.
- Listed the future National Specialties that have been approved for 2020 and 2021.
- Told them to contact Anne Midgarden if they wanted to help with the 2021 National and gave her email address.
- I mentioned the breeder group having a one-year trial and suggested they read the post and join or ask questions if desired.
- I indicated there would be some changes coming to NBRF and to check their website and read the minutes of our February 4th Board meeting for news.
- I communicated privately with specific members regarding issues they had such as showing altered dogs to a title, the breeder group and NBRF funding issues.